



Alliance of Coalitions For Change

You are invited to attend a special event - **“An Honest Conversation About Marijuana” on November 14, 2013 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Freedom Building, Camp Dodge, 7105 NW 70th, Johnston IA.** You are receiving this invitation because you have been identified as a leader in the Iowa whose professional/volunteer work and concern for youth access to marijuana would be impacted by changes in current Iowa marijuana laws.

Why is this an issue?

Marijuana bills have been introduced in the Iowa Legislature.

Laws passed in 20 other states are affecting Iowa.

The federal government has stated they will not currently interfere with states who have passed marijuana laws.

How does this affect Iowa?

More young people are reporting marijuana is not a big deal.

Nearly 60% of all positive Iowa workplace drug test results indicate workers have used marijuana. (IDPH, 2008)

In 2010, Colorado was the source state in 10% of all Iowa drug interdiction stops finding marijuana. This grew to 25% in 2011 and 36% in 2012. (2013 Iowa Department of Public Safety)

Featured Speakers

Dr. Kevin Sabet, Director of the Drug Policy Institute, University of Florida

Co-founder of SAM/Former Senior Advisor with the White House National Office of Drug Control Policy

Dr. Christian Thurstone, Associate professor of psychiatry, University of Colorado Denver

Leadership team-SAM/ Medical director of one of Colorado's largest youth substance-abuse-treatment clinics

SAM-Smart Approaches to Marijuana

SAM includes organizations and individuals dedicated to a health-first approach to marijuana policy. They seek a middle road between incarceration and legalization. Their commonsense, third-way approach to marijuana policy is based on reputable science and sound principles of public health and safety. You can learn more about SAM at their website: www.learnaboutsam.org.

Please register on-line at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/IASAM

If you have questions about the event, please contact:

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This event is open to the public. Please feel free to share this invitation with others.

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